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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DESCRIBES BRAZILIAN POSITIONS
DURING MTN

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER RAISED SILVEIRA'S COMMENTS AT OAS-GA
DURING CONVERSATION MAY 13 WITH BARTHEL-ROSA, DEPUTY CHIEF
OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S TRADE POLICY DIVISION. BARTHEL-ROSA
SAID THAT, SAS FAR AS HE KNEW, SILVEIRA'S STATEMENT ON ACCESS
TO SUPPLIES WAS NOT PREPARED IN ADVANCE OF FOREGIN MINISTER'S
MEETING AND HE THOUGHT THAT SILVEIRA MAY HAVE SIMPLY BEEN
MAKING A PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF THE OBVIOUS FACT THAT LDC
RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIERS NOW HAVE A BARGAINING CHIP THAT
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE AS IMPORTANT, A SITUATION
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THAT HAS BEEN LESS TRUE IN THE PAST. BARTHEL SAID THAT

FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN GIVING A GOOD DEAL OF THOUGHT AS TO HOW ACCESS TO SUPPLY SHOULD BE HANDLED IN MTN BUT THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET FORMULATED ANY APPROACH THAT LDC RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIERS MIGHT USE NOR HAS BRAZIL DEVELOPED A LIST OF CONCESSIONS ON ACCESS TO SUPPLY THAT GOB MIGHT OFFER. HE SAID BRAZIL AND OTHER LDCS WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEUS AND EC HAVE IN MIND BEFORE PRESENTING ANY CONCRETE PROPOSAL. HE SAID GOB WOULD NOT FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-GROUP ON ACCESS TO SUPPLY UNTIL THERE WAS A CLEARER INDICATION OF WHAT THE GROUP WOULD TAKE UP AND HOW IT WOULD RELATE TO OTHER GROUPS.

2. SOUTO MAIOR, FONIN CHIEF OF CABINET, IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH ECON COUNSELOR, HAS PROPOUNDED THESIS THAT ASSURANCE OF ACCESS TO RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES WAS ONE OF THE QUID-PRO-QUOS PRIMARY PRODUCT EXPORTERS LIKE BRAZIL COULD OFFER IN NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE BARRIERS AND COMMODITY PROBLEMS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN THESE CONVERSATIONS SOUTO MAIOR ALSO STATED CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS AS TO THE CONCEPT OF A MULTILATERAL CODE ON THE ASSURANCE-OF-SUPPLY QUESTION, EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT THIS WOULD DILUTE THE BARGAINING LEVERAGE OF COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL WHO WOULD BE BETTER OFF HANDLING THIS ISSUE THROUGH BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS WITH MAJOR CUSTOMERS SUCH AS THE U.S. GIVEN SOUTO MAIOR'S CLOSENESS TO SILVEIRA, HE MAY HAVE INFLUENCED FOREIGN MINISTER'S THINKING ON THE SUBJECT.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: BARTHEL-ROSA'S COMMENTS, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH SOUTO MAIOR'S SPECULATIVE NOTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE USE OF THE ACCESS-OF-SUPPLY ISSUE, TEND TO CONFIRM EMBASSY'S IMPRESSIONS THAT SYSTEMATIC THINKING ON THIS QUESTION HAS NOT PROGRESSED VERY FAR WITHIN GOB. FOR SOME TIME TO COME WE SEE NO REASON TO THINK BRAZIL WILL DEPART FROM ITS IN GENERAL FAIRLY CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE AND OTHER RELATED COMMODITY PROBLEMS.
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